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SUBJ: NAMIBIA; CALL FOR INTERIM GOVERNMENT

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1. SINCE TURNHALLE STATEMENT MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE
TO OTHER POSTS, FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT AS SUPPLIED BY
THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

2. STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE
CONFERENCE ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF SWA ON 18 AUG 1976.
DURING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE
IN SEPT 1975 A DECLARATION OF INTENT, CONTAINING CERTAIN
PRINCIPLES AND INTENTS, WAS ISSUED.

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WE HEREBY CONFIRM THE SAID DECLARATION OF INTENT AND ALSO

CONFIRM OUR CONVICTION THAT IT PRESENTS THE WAY TO A TRUE AND LASTING SOLUTION FOR OUR COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS. A THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE WAS MADE OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION IN ITS ENTIRETY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE IN PRINCIPLE IN AGREEMENT ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS. IN PARTICULAR WE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

THE COMMITTEE IS IN AGREEMENT THAT THE DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR SOUTH WEST AFRICA CAN, WITH A REASONABLE MEASURE OF SAFETY, BE STATED AS 31 DEC 1978. MEANWHILE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING A VARIETY OF MATTERS, E.G. WALVIS BAY, THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, MONETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, SECURITY, ETC.

AS SOON AS A CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS HAS BEEN AGREED UPON AND THE NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE COMPLETED, WE INTEND TO ESTABLISH AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, IN TERMS OF SUCH CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS, TO ATTEND TO THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT GOVERNMENT BASED ON A CONSTITUTION TO BE FINALISED IN THE INTERIM PERIOD.

2. TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY...

THE COMMITTEE REAFFIRMS THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE DIFFERENT POPULATION GROUPS AND ITS FIRM DESIRE TO RETAIN SOUTH WEST AFRICA AS A UNIT.

3. FORM OF GOVERNMENT

BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO ANTICIPATE A FINAL DISPENSATION AT THIS STAGE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO FURNISH DETAILS REGARDING A FORM OF GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE CAN ALREADY ANNOUNCE THAT IT ENVISAGES A GOVERNMENT SYSTEM IN WHICH, ESPECIALLY IN THE CENTRAL BODY, SUFFICIENT PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORITY GROUPS.

4. PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

WE AGAIN REJECT ANY EFFORTS TO SOLVE OUR COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS BY VIOLENCE AND URGENTLY APPEAL TO ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS
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TO COMBAT ANY ATTEMPT TO A VIOLENT SOLUTION OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH ALL THE POWER AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

5. SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

WE HEREWITH AGAIN APPEAL TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL OTHER BODIES CONCERNED (PRIVATE OR PUBLIC) TO EXPEDITE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE IN THIS REGARD.

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